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SUBJ: IMCO ASSEMBLY; OPENING PLENARY

1. IMCO 8TH ASSEMBLY MOVED BRISKLY THROUGH OPENING PLENARY SESSION NOVEMBER 13-14, AND MOVED TO COMMITTEE PHASE OF ASSEMBLY SESSION DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. NO HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES SURFACED IN OPENING SESSION. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWS:

2. AFTER SORTING OUT AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING, ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED YANKOV (BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO UK) AS PRESIDENT, AND AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE AS FIRST AND SECOND YICE PRESIDENTS, RESPECTIVELY. NIGERIA AND ARGENTINA CHOSEN TO CHAIR MAIN COMMITTEES I AND II RESPECTIVELY. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FORMED OF BRAZIL, HUNGARY, IRELAND, KUWAIT AND ZAIRE. DECISION ON APPLICATION O? LOSS OF VOTE PENALTY FOR MEMBERS IN ARREARS DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER COMMITTEE I CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

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AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OVERALL ARREARAGE PROBLEM PRE-

PARED BY AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ARREARS.

3. AGENDA ADOPTED WITH INCLUSION OF (A) NEW ITEM INSCRIBED BY NETHERLANDS TO PROPOSE INCREASING COUNCIL FROM 18 TO 21, AND MAKING MSC OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND (B) NEW ITEM PROPOSED BY FRG TO REMAND ENLARGEMENT QUESTIONS AND REVIEW OF EMERGING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS TO REVIVED WORKING GROUP ON ORGANIZATION AND METHODS.

4. ASSEMBLY GAVE PRECISION TO RULES AND PROCEDURE BY DECIDING, CONSISTENT WITH UNGA PRACTICE, THAT VALIDITY OF VOTES TAKEN WOULD HOLD DESPITE SUBSEQUENT DISQUALIFICATIONS OF CREDENTIALS.

5. REPORTS WERE NOTED, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED IMCO WERE ACCEPTED, WITH RESPECT TO OUTCOMES OF CONFERENCES CONVENED BY IMCO ON: (A) MARITIME CARRIAGE OF NUCLEAR SUBSTANCES, (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMPENSATION FUND FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, (C) REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA, (D) INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TRAFFIC, (E) SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL TRADE ON PASSENGER SHIPS, AND (F) MARINE POLLUTION. LAST WAS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE II AND IN LIGHT OF NEED FOR ASSEMBLY DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC). ACTION ON ALL REPORTS TAKEN WITH MINIMUM DEBATE, ALTHOUGH SINGAPORE ELICITED STATISTICS SHOWING SLOW PROGRESS MADE IN ACQUIRING SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS TO CONVENTIONS FOR WHICH IMCO IS DEPOSITORY.

6. ASSEMBLY TOOK NOTE OF FACT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION MUST REMAIN UNASSIGNED PENDING DECISION BY FIRST MEETING OF PARTIES AFTER CONVENTION COMES INTO FORCE, AND NO OBJECTION WAS EXPRESSED TO IMPLICATION SECRETARY GENERAL

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DREW FROM 7TH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 242 THAT ASSEMBLY
WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE IMCO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY.

7. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH MEPC PRESENTED BY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT AS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON BASIS NOVEMBER 12
DECISION (LONDON 13288). BEARING OF MEPC ON WORK OF
UNEP AND PROSPECTS FOR INTERNAL COORDINATION BETWEEN
MEPC AND MSC WERE QUESTIONED, BUT REPORT WAS REFERRED TO
BOTH COMMITTEES I AND II FOR STUDY WITH MINIMUM PRIOR
PLENARY DEBATE.

8. REPORTS OF LEGAL, FACILITATION AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION COMMITTEES NOTED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE I
FOR FURTHER REVIEW. IN CONNECTION WITH LAST REPORT, PDR
OF YEMEN REP PROBED IDEA OF ESTABLISHING SPECIAL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUN UNDER IMCO MANAGEMENT BUT FAILED
TO ELICIT RESPONSE, EVEN FROM AMONG LDC DELEGATIONS.

9. APPROVAL OF SRIVASTAVA (INDIA) AS NEW SECRETARY
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GENERAL DECIDED BY ACCLAMATION.

10. INTERVENTIONS BY PRC AND GDR, DURING ASSEMBLY
CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP, REPORTED
SEPTEL.

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